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3D2, FIJI. After their operations from West Samoa (See 5W below), Slav/ OK1TN, Vrata/OK1KT, and Vasel/OK1VD of the OK DX Foundation (OKDXF), will now be active from **Nadi, March 24th through April 1st**, as **3D2KT** and **3D2TN**. Activity will be on CW/SSB on 160-6 meters with beams and amplifiers. QSL via OKDXF, P.O. Box 73, Bradlec 293 06, Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic. ADDED NOTE: They may try to go to **Rotuma Island**. This operation depends on finding transportation.

3D2, FIJI. Mamoru, 7N1RTO (ex-JG2EBN), will be traveling here on business and hopes to operate as **3D2ME** in his spare time. Look for him **March 8-11th** on 20 or 15 meters SSB. QSL via JARL Bureau or direct to his new address: Mamoru Endo, 102-83-2 Kizuki-Omachi, Kawasaki, 211-0031 Japan

5A21, LIBYA. By the time you read this the Belgian team of Tiny/ON4CAT, Frank/ON4CEL and Patrick/ON4APS will have met Ali and Abubaker, their Libyan friends at 5A1A, and be on the air using the special callsign **5A21PA**. They will be active on all bands on CW, SSB and RTTY with 100 watts. Activity will last **until March 7th**. (ed. While writing the OPDX bulletin Sunday morning, most of the activity seems to be on 20, 15 and 17 meters so far.) For more information, check out their homepage: <http://users.glo.be/~frankyb/5a21pa.html>

5W, WESTERN SAMOA. The "DX News Sheet" reports Slav/OK1TN, Vrata/OK1KT, and Vasel/OK1VD, will be active **March 14-23rd** as **5W0SZ** and **5W0VV** from **Apia**. Activity will be on CW/SSB on 160-6 meters with beams and amplifiers. QSL via OKDXF.

7X, ALGERIA (also possible S0 trip). Mark, ON4WW (ex-9x4ww), reports he is going to 7X-land shortly. This location will be close to S0, Western Sahara, and he will try to operate from here also.

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Pat, 5N0T, and his XYL Nicole, 5N0YL,

who were active from Nigeria, will arrive **March 21st** here. They will be active once they receive their licences. Hopefully this will be by the end of April. QSL both via F2YT.

A7, QATAR. The "59(9) DXReport" reports Dave, KC9IM, who is currently signing J52IM, expects to take up a new assignment in **Doha** soon. His callsign and other details have not been announced yet. QSL via KB9XN. Meanwhile, Jabor, **A71BY**, is active often on 20 meters SSB. Check 14175 kHz (or 14195 +/-) around 1345z. QSL via F5PYI.

BRAZILIAN GENERAL/IOTA DXPEDITION NEWS.

- **RATONES ISLAND** - Will be aired by **PR5L**, **March 26-30th**, using SSB and CW. Ratones Island is IOTA **SA-026**, and DIB 64. QSL via PP5LL.
- **SAO FRANCISCO ISLAND** - Will be aired by **PR5L**, **April 16-20th**, using SSB and CW. Sao Francisco is **SA-027**, and DIB 08. QSL via PP5LL.
- **GUARAZES ISLAND** - Will be aired by **PT163MP**, **May 1-5**, using SSB and CW. Guarazes Island is **SA-026**, and DIB 71. QSL via PP5LL. The special callsign **PT163MP** will be used to commemorate 163 years of freedom from the Military Police in Santa Catarina State, Brazil.
- **MEL ISLAND** - Will be aired by **PQ5L**, **May 28-31st**, using SSB and CW. Mel Island is **SA-047**, and DIB 24. QSL via PP5LL.
- **ADDED NOTES:** Look for this islands on the usual IOTA frequencies:
 - **CW** - 3510, 7010, 14010, 21010, and 28110
 - **SSB** - 3760, 7060, 7260, 14280, 21260, and 28460.Also PP5LL address is: LIRA, P.O.Box 08, 88010-970, FPOLIS-SC, Brazil

C42, CYPRUS. Operators UA2FB, UA2FF, and UA2FZ will once again use the special callsign **C42A** during the **CQWW 160 SSB Contest**. QSLs for the C42A operation will go to DK4VW CBA (maildrop only).

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS. The "59(9) DXReport" reports Vincent, **EA6AEI**, is active daily on 18150 and 24970 KHz from 1600-1700z.

ED, SPAIN. Operators EA5GRC, EA5GJT, EA5AQA, EA5CE, S01M and EA5XX will air the special callsign **ED5WPX** during the next **CQ WPX Contest** as a Multi/Single station from Spain.

GB0, ISLES OF SCILLY (ENGLAND). The Taunton and District ARC (TADARC) will be activating **St. Marys, Isles of Scilly** (IOTA **EU-011**), with the Special callsign **GB0SM** during the period **April 25th through May 2nd**. Four operators plan to maintain a 24 hours operation, with Icom IC737A, IC725 HF Transceivers on 160 to 10 meters. They will be using R7000 Vertical, wire dipoles and long wire antennas for CW and SSB modes. A VHF transceiver and 3 element 6 meters beam will also be used if VHF conditions are favorable. QSL via the bureau or direct to: G3WNI, Bill Lindsay-Smith, Way Close, Hemyock, Cullompton EX15 3QY, England Bureau QSLs can also be obtained by E-mail to: tom@tctaylor.demon.co.uk

HB2, SWITZERLAND (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Sigi Bill, HB9DLE, President of the LETZI DX-group, reports the prefix "**HB2**" will be aired for the first time. The special callsign **HB2CA** will be used by the LETZI DX-group of Switzerland and will only appear on the bands during the **major contests in 1998**. The LETZI DX-group consists of twelve active DXers and

contesters running a nice clubstation and celebrating the 20th anniversary of the club. QSL via bureau to the manager HB9DLE.

IRIS COLVIN, W6QL, SK. It is sad to report that well known DXer Iris Colvin, W6QL, became a "Silent Key (SK)" at the age of 83 on Wednesday, February 18th. She died peacefully at her home in Richmond, CA. Iris was renown as a prolific DXpeditioner, and along with her late husband Lloyd, W6KG, activated many of the world's rarest DXCC locations. She and Lloyd, also were avid QSLers and boasted the world's largest collection of cards -- all alphabetized and filed in cabinets which occupied an entire room in their home. Iris was a member of DXCC Honor Roll, president of the Yasme Foundation and a past president of the Northern California DX Club. She was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in November, 1976. OPDX and the members of NODXA, along with many DXers throughout the world will never forget the many QSOs/memories she had provided over the years. Dxers have lost a rare one!

J8, ST. VINCENT. EA2ADJ, EA2BP and EA2CLU, are making plans to be active here between **March 21st and April 1st**. This includes activity in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th)** as **J80R** (Juliet eight zero Romeo). Before and after the contest, they will use the callsign **J8/EA2BP** on all bands on SSB/CW and RTTY.

JD, OGASAWARA. Look for **JF1LGD/JD1** to be active mainly on SSB (some CW) from here. He has been active on the WARC bands (18 and 24 MHz) and also on 15 meters. Activity will last until the **end of March**. Meanwhile, look for JA1FUY, JF1GUQ, JA2CVF, JA1XVU and JI1FOL to be active **March 14-17th**. They will sign as **homecall/JD1**. Activity will be SSTV only on 20 and 15 meters.

JT, MONGOLIA (Update). As mentioned in OPDX.343, a Hungarian group who are members of the Hungarian Pannon DX Club will operate from **Ulan-Bator** from **May 17th through June 2th**. The team which includes HA0HW, HA4GDO, HA6NL, HA7SK and HA7VK, plans to keep 2-3 stations simultaneously on the air 24 hours a day to maximize band openings on all HF bands. Activity will be on SSB, CW, and RTTY. Suggested frequencies will be:

- **CW** - 1821, 3511, 7011, 10101, 14011, 18071, 21011, 24891 and 28011
- **SSB** - 1841, 3789, 7089, 14189, 18141, 21289, 24941 and 28489
- **RTTY** - 14079 and 21079 kHz

They state that if propagation allows them, they will work CW, 25 kHz from the bottom of the bands edge for U.S. stations to give more people a chance to work them. They also mention that they want to work on satellites such RS-10, 12, and 15, and if they can obtained LIS, they want to work on 50 MHz. The callsign will be announced later. All operators will probably use their own suffixes, but the prefix is still not known yet. During the CQ WPX CW Contest weekend, they would like to use the special callsign JU0HA. For up-to-date announcements, check out the Web page of Pannon DXC at: <http://www.dunanet.hu/pannondxc/> The DXpedition team would gratefully accept contributions from both individuals, clubs or firms. Contributors should contact Laci, HA0HW at: ha0khw@c3.hu or Laszlo Szabo, P.O.Box 24, Puspokladany, H-4151, Hungary.

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY. A team from the Florida Contest Club (FCC) will be in GTMO for the **ARRL International DX Contest March 7-8th**. The team members are: Doug/**KG4OX** (W4OX), Bill/**KG4WW** (KX4WW), Bill/**KG4GC** (W4WX) and their host Rusty/**KG4AU** (WV4N). The callsign **KG4GC** will be used during the contest. Members will arrive on Wednesday, **March 4th**, and remain **for one week**. Members will be active on all bands and modes before and after the contest. QSL contest QSOs to Bill Gallier, **KG4GC/W4WX**, 4094 Sandy Run Drive E., Middleburg, Fl. 32068. Please include a SASE. Bureau cards will also be answered. QSL all others to home calls. Any comments or questions can be sent to: w4wx@bellsouth.net

KH1, BAKER ISLAND. The MKDXF and SSIDXG gang is underway to Baker Island where the USFWS will drop one team member off on Tuesday morning. They will then proceed to Howland and land, sometime between the **3rd to 5th of March**.

KH6, HAWAII. Tamaki, JG1OUT, will be active from here as **KH6/JG1OUT, March 7-10th**. He will take a small AMP and a tri-band yagi. Look for him on 40-10 meters SSB/CW. QSL via JARL Bureau or direct to his callbook address.

LU1ZC, DECEPTION ISLAND. Still need this one on 10 meters? Listen to LU1ZC's 10 meters beacon on 28212 kHz. The team there states propagation has been very poor. They continue to try to improve their contacts on 160, 80, 10, and 6 meters, but the propagation conditions are not helping. Most of the time they are on 15 and 30 meters which are the only useful bands. Last report, they have made a total of more than 35000 QSOs.

P5, NORTH KOREA. Toma, YU1AB, reports to OPDX that Rasa, YU1RL, has gone to **Pyongyang**, and he is there right now. He will be trying to get a licence from North Korea.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

- Walt, W1LW, reports to OPDX that for those who have been waiting for the **K7K Kure Island** QSLs (for contacts made in August and September 1997), they are reportedly back from the printer. It appears that AH0W is now sending them out. Walt states it is a very nice multifold QSL.
- Dianna, KB6NAN, reports that DL5WM will be getting the **9X0A** QSL cards out starting some time in March.
- Hans, DK9KX, reports he wants to close the following logs by June 30th (1998):

GU5CKW, -CKX	Guernsey	1978 & 1979
FH0FLP	Mayotte	1980
FR0ACB/G, FR0ACC/G	Glorioso Isl.	1980
PY0ZSD, -ZSH, -ZSG	Peter & Paul Rocks	1983
DK9KX/S9	Sao Tome	1985
TY9SI	Benin (SSB Only)	1988 April
5U7DX	Niger	1988/89
3D2CR	Conway Reef (SSB Only)	1989
ZS9AAA/1	Penguin Isl.	1990

QSL cards via the bureau or direct. For direct cards, please send two U.S. green stamps or one IRC, plus sase.

- S92FC, S97A AND S91FC QSL STATUS.** Francisco, CT1EAT, reports all direct requests for S92FC, S97A and S91FC have been mailed. Bureau requests are already

processed and will be sent to bureau office (REP) next week. Further requests will be answered on a weekly basis, but PLEASE NOTE: Due an "unexplained" print error, the address printed on QSL is wrong. The correct address is: P.O.Box 172, 7800 Beja, Portugal (Rua dos Acores,6-2Esq 7800 Beja is also valid.) Please include a SASE or a SAE + 1 IRC (or 1 USD) only!

- John Devoldere, ON4UN, Member of the board of UBA (IARU) and QSL Manager for Belgium, states that cards sent to the **VRB QSL Bureau** (P.O.Box 94, B-2500 Lier, Belgium) does not guaranteed delivery to all members of the various radio societies in Belgium. Only the **UBA QSL Bureau (IARU)** at: UBA QSL Bureau, P.O.Box 900, B9000 Ghent, Belgium, can be guaranted delivery.

SV5, RHODES ISLAND. Yorgos, SV1NA, reports that two very active fellows, Jim, **SV5EFB**, and George, **SV5DZG**, have announced they will be active EVERY WEEKEND on 24 MHZ SSB only from the island of Rhodes. Their activity will continues for all 1998. They accept QSL cards via the SV bureau in Athens Greece.

V2, ANTIGUA. Two members of the Oklahoma DX Association will be operating from here **May 26th until June 2nd**. Jim, K5TT (ex-WV5S), and Dave, W5AO (ex-N5CG), will be operating 160 through 10 meters including the WARC bands. They will also enter the **CQ WPX CW Contest**. Probable callsigns are **V26TT** and **V26GG**, respectively. QSL information for V26TT is the K5TT/WV5S callbook address, and Box 88, Morris, OK 74445-0088 for V26GG. Additional information is available via k5tt@contesting.com.

XU, KAMPUCHEA (Well this is another interesting callsign!). Operator Hiroo, XU2A, is currently not active from here because he is now in Laos on business. He will be going back to XU this month and will be active after the **WPX contest**. He will be using the callsign **XUX0** (XUX zero) from XU island.

Z3, MACEDONIA (former Yugoslav Rep.). Mike, NO6X, and Mike, NN6C, will be operating from here for about a period of about **2 weeks**. Activity should be on all bands SSB/CW. Their main goal is the WPX SSB contest. They should be on the air from about the **19th of March to the 1st of April**. They will actually leave Los Angeles on the 18th and arrive back on the 2nd of April. Their expected callsigns are **Z38/NO6X** and **Z38/NN6C** outside of the **WPX contest**. During the contest, they will use **Z38C**. QSLs will go to home callsigns, and QSL for Z38C will be via NO6X.

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the "BEEP" leave your voice message or FAX.

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